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Sacramento: Governor says to plan for closures through summer, signs bill ensuring state funding

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California Gov. Gavin Newsom talks about the state's response to the coronavirus at the Governor's Office of Emergency Services in Rancho Cordova on Tuesday. At right is California Health and Human Services Agency Director Dr. Mark Ghaly.

From news service reports

Most California schools will likely remain closed for the rest of the school year because of the new coronavirus, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Tuesday.

Nearly all the state's schools have already shut down as the most populous state tries to stop the spread of the virus, and the rest will soon, he said.

"I would plan and assume it is unlikely that many of these schools, few if any, will open before the summer break," he said in a news conference streamed online.

"I don't want to mislead you, to six-plus million kids in our system and their families, they need to make some plans at a time when a lot of plans are already being curtailed," said Newsom, a father of four children. "But planning with kids is some of the most challenging planning."

The state has applied for a federal waiver that means children would not have to face academic tests once they eventually return to school, said Newsom, a Democrat.

"We think it is totally inappropriate for kids to worry about coming back and being tested," he said. Newsom said he returned home Monday after a hectic day to find one of his two daughters, 6-year-old Brooklynn, in her room, her stuffed bunny and most of her

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Riverside County: Third coronavirus death confirmed; first two cases found on western side

By Jeff Horseman and Ryan Hagen
Staff writers

The novel coronavirus has killed a third patient in Riverside County and has infected two more people, this time in western Riverside County, county Public Health Officer Dr. Cameron Kaiser said Tuesday.

All three COVID-19 fatalities are from the Coachella Valley, county health spokesman Jose Arballo Jr. said.

With the exception of two county residents who became sick on a cruise ship and were hospitalized in Northern California, all 16 of the county's cases until now had been in the Coachella Valley desert on the county's eastern end.

Officials have not disclosed the specific cities of the coronavirus cases.

Kaiser said the number of cases is likely to continue climbing.

"We knew getting west county cases

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DOUG MILLS — THE NEW YORK TIMES

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, speaks at a news conference at the White House on Tuesday.

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Washington: Trump administration eyes $1 trillion stimulus, including checks to some Americans

By Alan Rappeport, Emily Cochrane and Nicholas Fandos
The New York Times

WASHINGTON » The Trump administration Tuesday called for urgent action to speed $1 trillion into the economy, including sending $250 billion worth of checks to millions of Americans at risk of losing their livelihoods, as the United States government prepared to wield its most powerful tools to buttress an economy that faces the threat of a recession as the coronavirus pandemic spreads.

The Federal Reserve took the rare step of unleashing its emergency lending powers, and President Donald Trump called on Congress to quickly approve the sweeping economic stimulus package, dispatching his Treasury secretary to Capitol Hill to begin hammering it out, as large sections of the economy shut down and companies began laying off workers.

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY

Schools to be closed until April 30

Health department officer's order will extend campus shutdowns to all places of learning for another 27 days

By David Downey and Jeff Horseman
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Riverside County schools are being ordered to stay shut until April 30 after being required last week to close until April 3.

The county's public health officer, Dr. Cameron Kaiser, made the announcement Tuesday as county officials moved to limit the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Kaiser's original order came Friday and applied to all public and private schools, preschools, charter schools and all colleges and universities in Riverside County. Originally, schools would have been free to reopen April 6.

Kaiser's decision drew a mixed reaction from students, teachers and parents, who suddenly found their unplanned break would be longer.

Candice Hirt, a 17-year-old senior at Lake Elsinore's Lakeside High School, was saddened to learn her campus

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WATCHARA PHOMICINDA — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Riverside County's health officer on Tuesday extended a school closure until April 30.

2020 ELECTION

Biden wins Florida, Illinois, Arizona; Trump clinches the GOP nomination

By Will Weissert and Brian Slodysko
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Joe Biden swept to victory in Florida, Illinois and Arizona on Tuesday, increasingly pulling away with a Democratic presidential primary upended by the coronavirus and building pressure on Bernie Sanders to abandon his campaign.

The former vice president's third big night in as many weeks came amid tremendous uncertainty confronting the Democratic contest as it collides with efforts to slow the spread of the virus that have shut down large swaths of American life. Polls were shuttered in Ohio, and although balloting went ahead in the other three states, election workers and voters reported problems.

Biden's quest for his party's nomination now seems within reach. He needs less than half of the remaining delegates to become the nominee. The

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EVAN VUCCI — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Vice President and Democratic candidate Joe Biden won all three states holding elections on Tuesday.

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